GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department – Kovvur Municipality – Allegations of misappropriation of Pushkaram funds by Municipal Officials, Kovvur Municipality, West Godavari District – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri B. Sridhar, former Manager, Kovvur Municipality under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Charges framed – Inquiry conducted – Penalty of "withholding 3% pension for a period of two (2) years" imposed – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 305 **Dated: 15-04-2025**

Read the following:

1. From GA(V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.26(C.No.1284/V&E/E/ 2015), dated 12.04.2017.
2. G.O.Rt.No.711, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I)Dept., dated :06.10.2017.
3. G.O.Rt.No, 715, M.A. & U.D.(Vig.I)Dept., dated :06.10.2017.
4. Written Statement of Defenses submitted by Sri B. Sridhar, former Manager dt: 12.03.2018.
5. G.O.Rt.No 330, M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., dated 02.05.2019.
6. G.O.Rt.No.331 M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept Dt.02.05.2019
7. From the RDMA, Ananthapuram and Enquiry Officer Lr.Roc.No.337/2019 /A3, dated 07.10.2021.
8. Govt. Memo.605900/VIG.II/A1/2017(E-218741), dated 04.09.2023
9. Written representation (WR) of Sri B. Sridhar,former Manager dated 28.11.2023.
10. Govt Memo.605900/VIG.II/A1/2017(E-218741), Dated:31-01-2025.
11. Explanation of Sri B. Sridhar,former Manager (Retired), dt:12.03.2025

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Based on the inquiry report submitted by the Vigilance & Enforcement Department in the reference 1st read above, the Government in the reference 2nd read above, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri B. Sridhar (former Manager), and 7 others of Kovvur Municipality on the allegations of misappropriation of Pushkaram funds in Kovvur Municipality, West Godavari District. Accordingly, In the reference 3rd read above, articles of charges were framed under Rule – 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri B.Sridhar, former Manager, Kovvuru, Municipality, West Godavari District with a direction to submit his written statement of defense.

2. The Charged Officer i.e., Sri B. Sridhar (former Manager) submitted his written statement of defense (WSD) in the reference 4th read above, denying the charges framed against him and requested to drop further action against him.

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3. Having not been convinced with the written statements of defence submitted by the charged officer, after following due procedure, the Government, in the reference 5th read above, appointed Sri G. Nagaraju, Regional Director of Municipal Administration, Rajamahendravaram, as the Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the charged officers and in the reference 6th read above, the Municipal Commissioner, Kovvuru Municipality was appointed as the Presenting Officer, to present the case of the disciplinary authority.

4. In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiring officer submitted the inquiry report, wherein out of the seven charges framed against Sri B. Sridhar, former Manager, Kovvuru Municipality, West Godavari District, one charge (Charge No. 4) was found to be proved, and one charge (Charge No. 7) was found to be partially proved.

5. After careful examination of the Inquiry Report submitted by the Inquiry Officer, the Government observed certain disagreement factors, specifically the Charge (No. 1) which involved execution, check measurement and payment against substandard work and the Charge (No. 7), which was found to be partially proved in respect of the charged officer, were treated as proved by the Government. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above, a copy of Inquiry report along with disagreement factors was communicated to Sri B. Sridhar (former Manager), with a direction to submit his written representation, within (15) days, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer and disagreement factors in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991

6. In the reference 9th read above, the Charged Officer i.e., Sri B. Sridhar (former Manager) submitted his written representation on the findings of Inquiry officer & disagreement factors. The explanation has been thoroughly examined and found to be unconvincing.

7. Considering the gravity of the charges, inquiry findings, and disagreement factors, the Government provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding 3% pension for a period of two (2) years" on Sri B.Sridhar, former Manager, Kovvuru, Municipality, West Godavari District. Accordingly, in the 10 th read above, a show cause notice has been issued to the charged officer, as to why the said penalty shall not be imposed against him. In the 11th read above, the charged officer has submitted his explanation and requested to drop the charges framed against him. He has not put forth any new grounds in his explanation for consideration.

8. Government, after careful and detailed examination of the matter, have decided to impose a penalty of "withholding 3% pension for a period of two (2) years" against Sri B.Sridhar, former Manager, Kovvuru, Municipality, West Godavari District. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding 3% pension for a period of two (2) years" on Sri B.Sridhar, former Manager, Kovvuru, Municipality, West Godavari District under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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9. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration. A.P. Vaddeswaram shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B.Sridhar, former Manager, Kovvuru, Municipality, West Godavari District- - through the CDMA, A.P, Vaddeswaram.
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration. A.P, Vaddeswaram.
Copy to:
The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, 5th Block, A.P. Secretariat.
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
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The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (MA&UD).
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt.,MA&UD Department.
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SECTION OFFICER.